

SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY PATHFINDER

U.S./MEXICAN BORDER REGION



The 2,000 mile-long U.S./Mexico international boundary makes for a border region that has the distinction of being the only place in the world where a highly developed country and a developing nation meet and interact. The complex socio-economic history of the region provides for a timely and significant area of study.

The Catalog

To locate specific books and other materials about the U.S.-Mexican border region, search the SDPL Catalog at computer terminals located throughout Central Library or within any of 34 branches.

Search by **SUBJECT** or **KEYWORD** for *Mexican-American Border Region*. SUBJECT search results are subdivided into more specific subjects such as history or a geographical area. KEYWORD searching will yield a continuous list of materials without subdivisions.

Fiction

From the [SDPL Catalog's Welcome page](#), locate the “[NoveList](#)” online database found under Online Resources, “[Reading & Literature](#),” for relevant titles. While viewing a specific title within “NoveList,” you may then click on the *Check SDPL for holdings* link in order to see if a particular title is owned by SDPL. At the Central Library, be sure to utilize the Fiction Subject Card Catalog in the Literature & Languages Section. Search under subject headings “*Mexican Americans*,” “*Mexicans in the U.S.*,” “*Mexico*,” and “*Mexico - history*.”

Current Magazine, Newspaper and Journal articles

To search periodicals by topic, consult the online databases listed below, available on all public terminals located throughout the Central Library.

[Info Trac OneFile](#): Search through over 5000 magazines, journals, newspapers and reference books to find full-text articles.

[ProQuest](#): Search through over 1,400 full-text newspapers and magazines. This database includes academic journal articles as well.

[FirstSearch](#): Citations and abstracts from academic and professional journals, reports, and proceedings. You may link to [The Circuit](#) catalog to check for periodical holdings at UCSD, USD, SDSU and CSU San Marcos for those titles not held by SDPL.

Ethnic Newswatch: This database provides full-text articles from over 200 ethnic and community press publications.

[¡Informe!](#): Periódicos y revistas hispanas (Info Trac OneFile en Español).

[Fuente Academica](#): Periódicos y revistas académicas (en Español).

Government Documents Catalog (Impact/ACCESS): Indexes federal publications issued since 1976 and can be searched by title, subject or keyword. Available on all catalog terminals.

Selected Print Indexes:

[Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature](#).

History Section, 1st floor.

[Social Sciences Index](#).

Social Sciences Section, 3rd floor.

[Humanities Index](#).

History Section, 1st floor.

Internet

Search these U.S.-Mexico border sites at an Internet terminal in the Central Library's Computer Lab or at any Branch Library:

<http://www.bordercounties.org/>

US/Mexico Border Counties Coalition: a nonpartisan, consensus-based policy and technical forum to address challenges facing county governments located on the United States/Mexico Border.

<http://www.utep.edu/border/>

The Borderlands Encyclopedia - A digital educational resource on contemporary United States—Mexico border issues. This site may be viewed in either English or Spanish.

<http://educate.si.edu/migrations/bord/intro.html>

Borders & Identity: United States-Mexico Borderlands/Frontera: This Web site is sponsored by the U.S. Smithsonian Institution, and provides an overview of borderlands issues between the U.S. and Mexico.

<http://www.sil.si.edu/silpublications/us-mexico-border-issues.htm>

U.S.-Mexico Border Issues: A Selected Bibliography from the Smithsonian Institution Libraries' Collections (includes several U.S. – Mexico border related sites.)

<http://ianic.utexas.edu/la/mexico/usmex/>

This Web site is sponsored by the University of Texas, and provides links to Web pages related to the United States-Mexico border region.



RESOURCES

A sampling of the materials available at the Central Library on the U.S./Mexican Border Region

Special Collections

Culture across borders : Mexican immigration & popular culture. 1998.
[**RCC 305.868/CULTURE**](#)

History & World Affairs

Across the wire : life and hard times on the Mexican border. 1993.
[**972.2/URREA**](#)

Bloody border: riots, battles, and adventures along the turbulent U.S.-Mexican borderlands. 1992.
[**972.1/MEED**](#)

Border people : life and society in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands. 1994.
[**972.1/MARTINEZ**](#)

Border : the U.S.-Mexico line. 1989.
[**972.1/METZ**](#)

Dead in their tracks : crossing America's desert borderlands. 1999.
[**917.90433/ANNERINO**](#)

El Gran Pueblo : a history of greater Mexico. 1999.
[**972/MACLACHLAN \(2nd ed.\)**](#)

El Paso : a borderlands history. 1990.
[**976.496/TIMMONS**](#)

Forging the tortilla curtain : cultural drift and change along the United States-Mexico border, from the Spanish era to the present. 2000.
[**972.1/TORRANS**](#)

Nobody's son : notes from an American life. 1998.
[**B/URREA**](#)

On the line : life on the US-Mexican border. 1994.
[**972.1/DWYER**](#)

Puro border : dispatches, snapshots & graffiti from La Frontera. 2003.
[**972.1/PURO**](#)

The U.S.-Mexican border in the twentieth century : a history of economic and social transformation. 1999.
[**972.1/LOREY**](#)

U.S.-Mexico borderlands : historical and contemporary perspectives. 1996.
[**972.1/U.S.**](#)

War scare on the Rio Grande : Robert Runyon's photographs of the border conflict, 1913-1916. 1992.
[**976.44/SAMPONARO**](#)

Literature and Languages

The magic curtain: the Mexican-American border in fiction, film, and song. 2002.
[**810.9868/TORRANS**](#)

Social Sciences

Batos, bolillos, pochos, & pelados : class and culture on the South Texas border. 1999.
[**305.5/RICHARDSON**](#)

Beyond smoke and mirrors : Mexican immigration in an era of economic integration. 2002.
[**325.272/MASSEY**](#)

Border games : policing the U.S.-Mexico divide. 2000.
[**363.45/ANDREAS**](#)

Border radio : quacks, yodelers, pitchmen, psychics, and other amazing broadcasters of the American airwaves. 2002.
[**384.54097/FOWLER**](#)

Border visions : Mexican cultures of the Southwest United States. 1996.
[**305.868/VELEZ**](#)

By the lake of sleeping children : the secret life of the Mexican border. 1996.
[**306.09722/URREA**](#)

Crossing over : a Mexican family on the migrant trail. 2001.
[**306.85089/MARTINEZ**](#)

Down by the river : drugs, money, murder, and family. 2002.
[**363.45/BOWDEN**](#)

Lives on the line : dispatches from the U.S.-Mexico border. 2000.
[**306.0972/DAVIDSON**](#)

On the rim of Mexico : encounters of the rich and poor. 1998.
[**303.48273/RUIZ**](#)

En Español (Literature Section)

Cultura al otro lado de la frontera : inmigración mexicana y cultura popular. 1999.
[**SPA 305.868/CULTURA**](#)

Estrella de la calle sexta. 2000.
[**SPA FIC/CROSTHWAITE**](#)

La experiencia migrante : iconografía de la migración México-Estados Unidos. 2000.
[**SPA 973.04687/DURAND**](#)